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Mss. C-80-1 Peter B. Porter Papers, Folder I: Slave Extraditions

This folder is labeled letter I, not number one. It contains 19 documents related to the extradition of enslaved persons, dating from 21 May 1821 to 13 November 1837, from the papers of Peter B. Porter (1774-1844). He was an attorney, landowner, business owner, General, and Secretary of War under President Madison.

Documents include correspondence, grand jury indictments, warrants, and requests for extradition. Subjects include Porter's views on slavery, favoring emancipation and colonization; Letitia Breckenridge Porter's enslaved persons, who she planned to free; opinion of John B. Robinson, Attorney General of Upper Canada, May 16, 1821, against extradition.

Each letter or document was numbered with the letter assigned to the folder. Some redundancy occurred during this process. Two separate documents were marked I-5 and two separate documents were marked I-15. These are entered separately below.

These letters can also be found on Roll 8 of the Peter B. Porter papers on microfilm.

Document	Description	Date
I-1	Fayette County & Fayette Circuit, KY Grand Jury indictment of Jesse Happy	18 May 1830
I-2	Complaint to Niagara District regarding theft of horse by George, a colored man	27 June 1837
I-3	David Castleman, Lexington, KY, to Peter Porter	11 July 1837
I-4	Fayette County & Fayette Circuit, KY grand jury indictment of George Cabell for theft of horse	31 July 1837
I-5-1	Extradition to Governor of the Province of Upper Canada demanding return of George Cabell to Kentucky	19 August 1837
I-5-2	Fayette County & Fayette Circuit, KY grand jury indictment of George Cabell for theft of horse, copy	31 July 1837
I-6	Extradition to Governor of New York demanding return of George Cabell to Kentucky	19 August 1837
I-7	Extradition to Governor of New York demanding return of Jesse Happy to Kentucky	19 August 1837
I-8	Order to sheriff of Fayette, KY, to apprehend George Cabell	21 August 1837

Document	Description	Date
I-9	Order to sheriff of Fayette, KY, to apprehend Jessee Happy	21 August 1837
I-10	David Castleman to Peter Porter regarding fugitives Solomon Moseby and George Cabell	15 August 1837
I-11	Warrant for arrest of George Cabell in District of Niagara	1 September 1837
I-12	[David Castleman?] to Sheriff Alexander MeLeod regarding rescue of Solomon Moseby and capture of Jesse Happy	17 September 1837
I-13	Peter B. Porter? James Boulton	20 September 1837
I-14	Peter B. Porter? to Dear Sir [James Boulton?]	30 September 1837
I-15-1	Thomas Dickson to General Porter	21 May 1821
I-15-2	John B. Robinson to Thomas Dickson	16 May 1821
I-16	David Castleman to Peter B. Porter	19 September 1837
I-17	David Castleman to Peter B. Porter	13 November 1837